Delay in completion of projects by BHEL

4213. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., a key producer and supplier of power plants and equipments has finally admitted to considerable delays in the completion of 14 power projects, scheduled to be commissioned in the Tenth Five Year Plan with the total capacity addition of 4,665 mw;

(b) whether the Ministry has now found that only 23,600 mw has been achieved so far; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to complete these projects in the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) According to information received from Ministry of Heavy Industry and Public Enterprises, 14 units aggregating to 4285 MW, ordered on BHEL for commissioning in 10th Plan, could not be commissioned for various reasons.

(b) A capacity of 21180.24 MW has been achieved during 10th Five Year Plan through various thermal/hydro/nuclear projects as per the following break-up:

(Cap. In MW)

Sector	Thermal	Hydro	Nuclear	Total
Central	6590.00	4495	1180	12265
State	3553.64	2691	-	6244.64
Private	1970.60	700	-	2670.60
TOTAL:	12114.24	7886	1180	21180.24

(c) The projects which had slipped are now scheduled to be implemented along with other projects in the Eleventh Plan. The progress is being monitored in the Ministry of Power as also by Central Electricity

Authority to ensure their commissioning in time. The reviews are also being taken at regional level.

Power shortage in Maharashtra

4214. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than eight lakh small-scale businesses scattered in Maharashtra, employing around 20.5 lakh people, are facing acute power outages, thereby resulting in shorter working hours for workers and unremunerative return on capital investments of units below Rs. 5 crores; and

(b) if so, by when power-generation capacity would be increased and just distribution assured to small-scale industries and marginal farmers?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Maharashtra faced energy shortage of the order of 24.9% (2698 million units) and peaking shortage of 30.8% (5716 MW) during the month of April, 2007. No specific information is available regarding shorter working hours for workers and unremunerative return on capital investment of units below Rs. 5 crores due to shortage of power.

(b) As per the 11th Plan capacity addition programme approved by Working Group on Power, 4,500 MW capacity is proposed to be commissioned in the state sector in Maharashtra in the 11th Plan. Further, the State will get its entitled share from central sector generation projects in the country subject to signing of power purchase agreement.

The supply and distribution of electricity to the ultimate consumers including small scale industries and marginal farmers in the State is the responsibility of concerned State Government/state power utility. The Government of India on its part is implementing Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) for strengthening/ augmentation of sub-transmission and distribution system in States and thirty four schemes with an outlay of Rs. 1643.12 crores have been approved for implementation in Maharashtra.